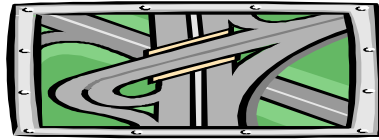# STIP TIPS

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District RTIP Project Nominations

Recent changes to the STIP Guidelines are calling upon the department to identify and communicate all state highway needs to regional agencies for potential RTIP funding, as part of the 2006 STIP development process. Ross Chittenden described this requirement in his September 26, 2005 Supplemental Guidance for 2006 RTIP Project Nominations memorandum to all District Directors. Please take the time to review the memo. Your Programming STIP Liaison will be contacting their District Single Focal Point in the next few weeks for an update.
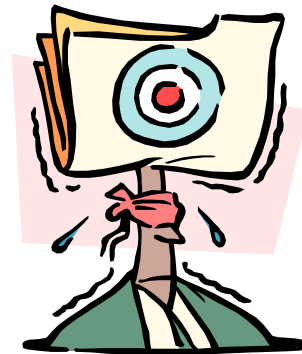
Upon conclusion of district discussions with the regions, a district report should be sent to Transportation Programming by November 11, 2005. Transportation Programming will compile this into a statewide report for the CTC.

2005–06 STIP Allocations

Starting July 2005, the CTC allocated to select STIP projects that met the adopted FY 05/06 Allocation Criteria. The CTC intended that allocations would be made on a first-come, first-served basis until $500 million had been allocated or thru September 2005. At the September CTC meeting, additional projects were allocated. This action actually took total allocations over the $500 million mark. Barring some unforeseen infusion of new funds, there will be no further allocations for STIP projects, with the exception of high priority projects such as TE, PPM,

and HBRR match. This does not mean that project delivery or allocation requests for the remaining FY 05-06 projects should stop. All FY 05-06 projects that are delivered and have a request for funds will be placed on the CTC agenda then moved to the Pending Allocation List. This is how the CTC recognizes project delivery. Any FY 05-06 project not placed on the Pending Allocation List will need a time extension before the end of the fiscal year or the funds will lapse.

2006 Fund Estimate Targets

The CTC adopted Fund Estimate process leads to the one product that everyone needs: Programming Targets. The 2006 Fund Estimate included three categories of targets: "minimum", "target", and "maximum". To understand the rationale behind the three categories; we must understand some of the constraints statutes place on the CTC. By statute, the CTC must program a minimum amount of target in every region, including the ITIP, over a designated four-year period. What follows is a brief explanation of the categories:

Minimum – Some regions, for whatever reason, have not reached their minimum targets for the four-year period ending in FY 07/08. The 2006 STIP is the CTC's last opportunity to program their minimum to be consistent with statute.

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Target – This is every region's "fair share target" for the estimated $1.8 billion in new STIP capacity.

Maximum – This is the legal maximum the CTC can program in any single region. Every dollar programmed beyond the target for a region is a dollar less for another region. It is doubtful that any region will see the maximum programmed into the STIP.

ITIP TE

Transportation Programming would like to take this opportunity to thank the districts in their submittals of ITIP eligible TE applications. The challenge was put out to the districts to submit applications by August 19 and the districts did a great job meeting the challenge. There were over 80 applications submitted for over $100 million of TE eligible activities. The eligibility review of each application has been completed and the districts have been notified of their ITIP eligibility. The TE Ranking Committee continues to prioritize these eligible projects and will ultimately propose projects to Transportation Programming for inclusion in the 2006 Straw Proposal. At this point, the amount of funding available for ITIP-TE is substantially less than what was anticipated. The ITIP received approximately $29 million of new capacity for TE activities.

2006 STIP Resource Page

As mentioned in the first issue of STIP TIPS, the STIP Office has added a 2006 STIP Resource Page to our regular web page. The 2006 Resource Page was designed to disseminate information and provide materials for the development of the 2006 STIP. The web page is updated continuously and should be the "go to" for all your development materials and information. The 2006 Resource Page web address is at the bottom of this newsletter.

The new information accessible on the 2006 Resource Page are the Supplemental Guidance for 2006 RTIP Project Nominations, 2006 Fund Estimate Shares and Targets, a PSR Resource page link, and the 2006 STIP Fact and Funding Sheet Instructions.

The STIP Office has fielded quite a few questions regarding the Fact and Funding Sheets. The new Fact and Funding Sheet Instructions manual should help answer any question that might arise. If after consulting the manual, further assistance is needed, contact your STIP Liaison. All the phone numbers for STIP Liaisons are provided on the 2006 STIP Resource Page.